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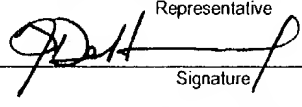


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SHAFT
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004, which provides for a response period ending September 4, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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